

Caribbean Cruise 'Arm of Law' Long in Nassau Says Vacationer Tom Wilkes

The "long arm of the law" is just that in Nassau, Bahama Islands; to be a policeman there, a man must be at least 6 ft. 6 in. tall.
So said Tommy Wilkes, 1627 Greenwood Ave., who returned this week from a two-and-a-half-week vacation with his wife, Lorraine, and sons, Tom and Jerry.
Flying to Miami, the local family boarded the yacht Vagabondia III, a 102-foot vessel captained by Mrs. Wilkes' father, Capt. Harold D. Redwood, formerly of Torrance, and owned by Head and Head, Inc. of Miami Beach, Houston, Tex., and Beverly Hills. They cruised the Caribbean, coming into port at Havana, Cuba.

Continuing later via the yacht to Nassau and Key West, Fla., the group took the overseas highway from the "Key" back to Miami Beach, then boarded the yacht for another stay in Nassau before starting the homeward journey.

LIKE NASSAU
"We found Nassau the most fascinating vacation spot of all," Wilkes said. "The tall policemen, in the traditional uniform of the English bobby, were impressive to see, but what impressed me most were the everyday common people."

Hardly a cleanly, sanitary people (they live in small wooden shacks among their domestic animals, pigs, goats, and chickens), the natives outrank their American or English contemporaries in politeness, the Torrance traveler revealed. While no one turns a hair at a man getting intoxicated four or five times over, swearing is almost unknown on the island.
"As you walk down the streets of Nassau, you will see natives lying in front of the shops, resting or sleeping," Wilkes said. "No one is ever in a hurry. Life is relaxing and peaceful. A shopkeeper in Nassau has it all over a man who works in an American store; he has a couple of hours rest each afternoon when the shops close, and quits on Friday for a long week-end, not due to report for work until Tuesday morning."

DEATH IN HAVANA
"One of the more curious customs of Havana is the burial of the dead. There the traveler will find the second richest graveyard in all the world—and no wonder, for having a fine grave is the biggest ambition of the natives."
Embalming is unknown, because tradition demands that the dead be buried within 24 hours in quicklime. Bodies are placed

in concrete, marble, or other cases, depending on the family's wealth, and the solution is poured in. About two-thirds of the case is imbedded into the ground, while the upper third remains uncovered.
"The case lids are left unlocked," Wilkes said, "so that at any time anyone who has the inclination can peek in and see how the body is coming along."
When the family plot is filled and another relative dies, they take the oldest body out, throw the bones in a pile just outside the graveyard, and put the new deceased in the same case. Death in Havana is as much an occasion for fiesta as a birth or marriage.

LIKE YANKEE DOLLAR
"We're for the Yankee dollar," the natives declare, and their attitude is evident in prices charged.
Merchandise in stores is good, but payment is high; for example, a single pack of cigarettes costs 67 cents there. One American dollar is worth just that in Havana.

BEAUTY SPOT
Shopping is pushed into the background through by the fabulous amusement centers, Wilkes said. Postcards about the island are not at all exaggerated, he revealed; Miami Beach is as beautiful a place as it is reputed to be.

It is an odd mixture of modern civilization with primitive mango jungles always on the outskirts, ready to creep back the minute vigilance is lax. Among the most interesting sights are the Seminole Indians, still officially at war with the United States (they have never signed a peace treaty) in their colorful costumes. Over 800 survivors of the original tribe still live in the jungle in wooden shacks, built on stilts, which housed their ancestors.



PERKY BUSTLE . . . Miss Pat Mitchell, in a novelty "three-dimensional" tweed featuring Queen Anne collar caught at either side with rhinestones, examines the bustle adding back interest to the dressy black taffeta worn by Miss Linda Lane.

Dame Fashion Says Sheath Silhouette, Hip, Neckline Detail

The sheath silhouettes will take the center of attraction in midday's fall wardrobe. It was illustrated last Wednesday afternoon when Job's Daughters, Bethel 50, presented a fashion show and luncheon at the Masonic Temple, 1321 1/2 Sartori Ave.

Dame Fashion decreed that a few full pleated or flared skirts were a brown flannel, slim skirt teamed with matching sweater and topped with an unusual beige jacket with push-up, dolman sleeves matching the skirt. Texture was added by horizontal ribbing in the body of the jacket and vertical lines running the length of the sleeves. An eight-gored, semi-flared skirt with metallic links on the self belt and a white tailored blouse for a topper showed the other side of the story.

NECKLINE NOTE
Neckline interest focuses on the deep V with wing lapels, high Queen Anne collar, or turtle neck effects with back interest. The back interest is carried on through the neckline. Double-breasted jackets, jackets, and dresses are in vogue, and are three-quarter and dolman sleeves, slit and patch pockets, and ribbed necklines and cuffs. Fabrics take on a touch of texture, with poodle cloth and tweed appearing in suits, full trim adorning hard-finish costumes, and fallie dressed up with velvet.

Many ensembles come with sparkling sequins and rhinestones or shimmering pearls embroidered on the fabric. Angora trim also is popular, adding a feminine touch to an otherwise tailored costume.

ACCESSORIES
Large silver safety pins are appearing as accessory touches for the deep V necklines, small scarves dress up outfits with a high neckline, and most jewelry is simple gold or basic pearl. Shoulder bags are important for campus wear, while the clutch style, especially in velvet or brocade, is used for dressy occasions.

On the formal scene, gowns are mostly walk-length and frothy feminine, with many layers of tulle or net. One of the newest ideas is sequin-sprinkled bright taffeta with its own matching net or tulle overskirt, so the tiny beads glitter like stardust.
Important color notes for fall are the brown tones, muted shades of mauve and aqua, startling blacks and whites, scarlet, reds, and the ever-popular navy.

FIVE MOVEMENTS
"Jobs" showed the new fashion trends in color, design, and fabric by dividing the program into five sections, each devoted to a special facet of "jewel of a wardrobe." Back-to-school, sport, suit-and-coat, dressy, and formal costumes for the tiny tot, teenager, and mature woman were shown.
Highlighting the back-to-school

SET BAZAAR, CARD PARTY

Bargains in fancywork and chances at prizes are in store Tuesday, Sept. 8, when the Royal Neighbors, Torrance Camp, hold a bazaar and card party at the Woman's Clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave.
Bazaar will begin at 12:30 p.m., with baked goods, crocheted articles, and embroidery work included on the bill of sale. Quartets of card players will take over the scene at 8 p.m., competing for prizes.

Screen Budget
Approval of the year's budget will highlight the agenda next Tuesday morning, Sept. 2, when the executive board of Torrance High School PTA holds its first session at 10 o'clock at the office of Principal Bruce Wagner.

Tentative budget was outlined last Wednesday when the budget and finance committee met at the home of the president, Mrs. I. O. Kasten, 1222 Acacia Ave. In charge of drawing up the financial plan was Mrs. Sam Neely.

Models walked through a white archway entwined with pink geraniums and ivy. Among those showing clothes were G. G. Wells, Cathy Rohdanz, Sandra Welch, Pat Mitchell, Deanna Ball, Jackie Krown, Jeanette Wright, Beverly Sowe, Linda Lane, Marilyn Edwards, Judy Cook, Elizabeth Hedgecock, Stevie McKees, John Thomas, Sandy Crabtree, Terry Cook, Jo Ann Allen and Mesdames Merline Cook, George Crabtree, and Glen McKees.

Costumes were shown through the courtesy of Benson's, Levy's Department Store, The Gay Shop, and Squire's Children's Shop.
Nearly 200 guests attended the show, gathering the first hour in the banquet hall for a fruit salad luncheon. Highlighting the table were orange and rusty red entwined with ivy on yellow and brown crepe paper run with gifts and cards.



BIRTHDAY YPARTY . . . Mrs. Ruth Kidd, first senior regent of Women of the Moose, Chapter 44, prepares to cut the first piece of cake at last Wednesday's 18th birthday party, held at the Moose Hall. Watching the operation are, seated, left to right, Mesdames Ann Wilkens and Elsie Smith, other charter members; and, standing, left to right, Mesdames Leonard Swanson, present senior regent and Ila Mae Ambach, member of the college of regents. Mesdames Kidd and Wilken also are on the collage board.

Soroptimists Slate By-law Study Tuesday

Torrance-Gardena Soroptimists will approve or disapprove the set of by-laws drawn up by Dr. Virginia Tyler and Evelyn Webback when they held their regular luncheon meeting next Tuesday at the Western Club in Gardena.

The new rules were approved for recommendation to the membership last Thursday night when the board of directors met at the Gardena home of Dr. Tyler. Following acceptance by the club, the regulations must be submitted to the regional governor, Mary Ellen Pangle, for approval.

Soroptimists took time out from business for a social evening last week, gathering at the 405 Via Vista home of Mrs. Helen Parrish last Tuesday night for a dinner. Fall fruits arranged in baskets highlighted table decor, and Edith Ennis of Gardena took over the entertainment; spotlight, presenting a review of her recent trip to the East.

Sharing hostess honors at the affair were Mesdames Parrish, Mary Pagac, and Margaret Neff of Torrance; Catherine Henry, Mary Sperry, and Dr. Tyler of Gardena.

Unique Table Decor Highlights Moose Party

With table decorations stressing each month of the year, Women of the Moose, Chapter 44, celebrated their 18th birthday as a charter organization last Wednesday night at the Moose Hall on Carson St.

A white cake decorated with pink roses and inscribed Chapter 44, 18 years, symbolized the anniversary month, August, at the head table. Eighteen yellow candles were lighted by Mrs. Leonard Swanson, senior regent, then members and guests sang "Happy Birthday" to the club. Mrs. Ruth Kidd, first senior regent of the group, blew out the candles and cut the cake, which was served to climax a sumptuous potluck meal of roast beef, mashed potatoes, many kinds of salads, baked beans, and spaghetti and meat balls.

The nearly 110 guests enjoyed the meal at sections of the table bearing their birthday decorations. An individual birthday candle set in gumdrop holder marked each place setting. January was symbolized by a winter scene utilizing bright holly berries and miniature pine trees and snow men. A Valentine box of hearts with real Valentines scattered about the base symbolized the month of February, while March took on Irish air with shamrocks, green

crepe paper, miniature clay pipes, and green top hats. "Tiny umbrellas" for "April showers" were scattered at the base of a bouquet of delicate spring flowers, and a bright Maypole was filled with candy. June was symbolized with a doll dressed in graduating cap and gown who pointed to a small blackboard on which was written a note of congratulations. The life and drum, bugle, giant figurines, and miniature Soldiers stirred memories of July, while the first month of autumn, September, was illustrated with a bouquet of chrysanthemums with brightly shaded leaves scattered at the base. School buses placed at one side added a further descriptive clue.

Bright orange pumpkins, black masks, and tiny witches formed of pipe cleaners were decorative touches describing October, while the late fall, early winter note of November was indicated with a bouquet of red blooming flowers set in copper containers and flanked by red tapers in matching holders. Following the meal and gift presentations to honor guests, Mrs. Kidd, Mrs. Ila Mae Ambach, member of the college of regents, Ann Wilken, charter member, and Elsie Smith, charter member, guests were entertained with dance numbers and a comedy skit.

Retiring Fire Inspector Gets Award for 17 Years of Service

Walter C. Silence, who officially retires as local fire inspector tomorrow after 17 years of service, received kudos from city firemen and a gold badge in recognition of his "long and faithful service" last Wednesday night when the Firemen's Association gave a dinner in his honor at the station.

The inspector, who lives with his wife at 2372 Maricopa St., has been a resident of Torrance since 1925. He has one son, Neal Silence, presently serving with the Signal Corps in Korea, and two grandchildren, David Michael, 15 months, and Roxann Elaine, six weeks, who live with their mother, JoAnne, in the Greenwood Apt.

Fire Chief J. J. Benner presented the service award to Silence on behalf of the department. Mayor Mervin M. Schwab and Councilmen Willis C. Blount and Harvey Spelman were on hand to present thanks from the city to the long-time inspector.
Also invited but unable to attend were Councilmen Nick Dralle and Victor Benstead, and City Manager George Stevens.
Movies showing the Torrance Fire Department in action were entertainment highlights, while table decor featured glads and fern en bouquet. Ray Flagg, association president, chaired the affair, while Capt. Ivan Kettering, assisted by the B platoon, was in charge of preparing and serving the dinner.

Vacationing Trio Returns With Praise for Victoria

"Victoria is such a beautiful place that I'd like to go back there to live," said Helen Kay Dill, director of the North-South Center here, when she returned from a trip to Canada this week.

The director, accompanied by Helen Bailey of Torrance and Kathleen Hager of Gardena, spent two weeks in the North-South Center here, where they found people very hospitable, adding to the charm of the native scene.
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RIDE 'EM COWBOY! . . . Tommy Wilkes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Wilkes, 1627 Greenwood Ave., rides a grinning alligator (stuffed). Live reptiles of the same species were a common sight to him and his family as they toured Miami Beach, Key West, Havana and Nassau recently.

Methodist Women Announce Next Week's Social Slate

Dessert luncheons and evening church services are highlighted social slates for circles of the Women's Society of Christian Service, Methodist Church, next week.
Four get-togethers are scheduled tomorrow, with Ruth and Esther circles holding 12:30 p.m. luncheons. Naomi women meet at 8 p.m., and the Rebekah circle convening at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. John Farkes, home for her 1922 Acacia Ave., will be hostess to the Esther circle. Women of the Naomi group will meet with Mrs. A. H. Champlin, 1804 Hickory Ave., and returned from a trip to Canada this week.
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Jam Session Is Postponed

Jam session originally scheduled for next Thursday night, Sept. 3, at Lomita Park, has been postponed until the following Thursday, Sept. 10. Publicity Chairman Leroy Griffith announced the postponement of the hall necessitated the date change, he said.
"Shades of Rhythm," a five-piece combo led by Pianist Jim Balcom, will provide music for the session as originally planned. Dance hours will be 7 to 10 p.m.

LYLE J. O'HORAS TOUR CALIFORNIA

At home again, 1615 Fern Ave., after two weeks of touring California via car and trailer are Mr. and Mrs. Lyle J. O'Hora and children Colleen, Johnny, Jill and Judy. Highlights of the vacation were camping in the lake region and visit Friday in the Spanish Fiesta at Santa Barbara.